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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 27, 2003

In response to the Office Action mailed August 27, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the amendments set forth below be entered and request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action in light of these amendments and the remarks below.

As the three-month shortened statutory period for reply is due November 27, 2003, this Response is therefore considered to be timely filed.

<u>AMENDMENTS</u>

Please enter the following replacement claims, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c), the replacement claims replace the correspondingly numbered prior pending claim.

All pending claims, whether added, rewritten, cancelled or amended, have been reproduced below for the convenience of the Examiner. Also included is a marked-up version of the prior pending claim showing the amendments made thereto.

Applicants respectfully submit that no amendments have been made to the pending claims for the purpose of overcoming any prior art rejections that would restrict the literal scope of the claims or equivalents thereof.